

**City of Chula Vista  
Parks and Recreation Commission  
Minutes**

**Thursday – 6:30 p.m.**  
**Public Works Center**

**August 21, 2003**  
**1800 Maxwell Rd**

Meeting called to order by Chair Larry Perondi at 6:35p.m.

Staff Present:

- Buck Martin, Director of Recreation
- Shauna Stokes, Assistant Director of Recreation
- Brian Cox, Principal Recreation Manager
- Ed Hall, Principal Recreation Manager
- Larry Eliason, Parks and Open Space Manager
- Ted Nelson, Recreation Supervisor III
- Linda Bond, Recording Secretary

### 1. Roll Call/Motion to Excuse

Members Present: Commissioner Salcido, Commissioner Strahl, Commissioner Rios, Commissioner Ramos, and Chair Perondi

Members Absent: Commissioner Rude and Commissioner Weidner

***There was no motion to excuse Commissioner Rude and Commissioner Weidner***

## 2. Action Items

- a. **Minutes of July 17, 2003** – MSC (Rios/Salcido) (Vote: 5-0-0-2) (Rude and Weidner Absent) to approve the minutes as presented.
- b. **Recognition of Youth Sports Council Members** – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) informed the Commission that staff conducted research on this topic.

Mr. Hall (Principal Recreation Manager) informed the Commission that May is National Fitness Month.

Commissioner Salcido stated that he would like some sort of recognition to thank members for their time, and involvement, such as appreciation dinner.

3. a. **Update – Greenbelt Master Plan** – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) – Greenbelt Master Plan will be presented to the City Council on September 16, 2003. There were no major changes to the Plan.

Chair Perondi asked if the community hearings had been completed pertaining to the Plan?

Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) responded that they had been completed.

Commissioner Strahl asked who would be in charge of implementation of the Plan and what resources would be devoted to it?

- b. **Rohr Park Master Plan Timeline** – Ms. Stokes (Assistant Director of Recreation) informed the Commission that this item was pulled from the Agenda, and will be presented next month.

Commissioner Strahl stated that he hopes the Master Plan update addresses the golf/jogger conflict in the golf course parking lot, and suggest that the City look

at providing more than one entrance to the jogging trail, with parking, restrooms, signage and water faucets for the joggers.

Chair Perondi asked that staff consider finding an alternative site for the horse rink outside of the park – possibly in the Greenbelt.

Commissioner Strahl expressed his concern that County residents, rather than City residents, are getting a lot of benefit and acreage from the park, with the library site and the horse rink, which he feels is used almost exclusively by Bonita residents.

Commissioner Strahl asked the following questions pertaining to the Library site:

- Will City residents have borrowing rights (be able to check out library books) at this County Library?
- How did the County get this property?
- Did the City deed the land to the County, did City Council take action to give the County this property or approve the library siting?
- Did the City receive something in exchange for this from the County?
- Did this project go to the Planning Commission for approval, information, or review?
- Why is a County library being placed on City land?

Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) informed the Commission that a portion of the land had been deeded to the County, and that he couldn't answer the majority of the questions asked.

Ms. Stokes (Assistant Director of Recreation) informed the Commission that Mr. Griffin (Director of General Services) would be attending next month's meeting to discuss this issue.

- c. **Closure of Chula Vista Community Park for maintenance** – Mr. Cox (Principal Recreation Manager) informed the Commission that Chula Vista Community Park has experienced significant turf damage due to the overuse of the of the fields. As a result, one of the two fields will be closed for a four-month period (June – September), for each of next two summers. One field will be closed to all use during Summer 2004 and the other field will be closed for the same period in 2005. This is being done this way to lessen the impact on all user groups, while one field is closed for the four-month period. Mr. Cox went on to say that that a berm (raised bank) would be installed during the Summer 2004 renovation period to alleviate infield flooding on the east field. It is necessary that fields are closed for this four month period, for renovation, and so that they will not be unsafe to use.

Commissioner Salcido asked if the City would allow games on neighborhood parks, and if the turf renovation takes 4-months.

Mr. Cox indicated that staff is looking at that possibility of allowing games in neighborhood parks, and would review on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Cox deferred the turf renovation question to Mr. Eliason (Open Space and Parks Manager). Mr. Eliason responded that the park would be undergoing major renovation of turf, and discussed in detail what the renovation entails.

Commissioner Rios stated he would like to see the fields closed for 3-months instead of the 4-months.

Mr. Nelson (Recreation Supervisor III) commented that Otay Park had to be closed for a year for the same purpose.

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Chair Perondi commented that he wanted staff to ensure that fields were well seeded and at their prime. In addition, provide community notification, and is in-favor of this renovation because it will alleviate a lawsuit for negligence.

- 4. **Information Items - None**
- 5. **Unfinished Business - None**
- 6. **New Business - None**
- 7. **Written Communications –**

- a. Chair Perondi talked about the documents received from the Crossroads II on Friendship Park.

8. **Commission Comments -**

Commissioner Strahl indicated that the condition of the Chula Vista Municipal Golf Course had improved tremendously, and also talked about having a nice space for the joggers to park.

Commissioner Rios stated he would like to see updates on Park development in the monthly report submitted by staff.

Commissioner Salcido asked about Otay Park and restroom and its location, and the fact that the soccer field had been eliminated for adult players, and felt that they (the Commission) had made a mistake when they voted on it.

Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) responded that the restrooms were located at that location as part of the Master Plan.

Chair Perondi asked about the status of Sunset View Park, and also asked if Heritage Park Center continued to experience the parking issue problems.

Mr. Hall (Principal Recreation Manager) responded that this was an ongoing process.

Chair Perondi stated that for the record it is important for diligence to be kept on that park, and noted the building is taking a beating.

Chair Perondi invited people to an Education Summit on Friday, August 22, 2003 @ 5:00 p.m., and the Sweetwater Experience on Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) responded that with advance notice, he could get the information like this out to the City staff through the Weekly Communiqué distributed by the Assistant City Manager.

9. **Staff Comments -**

- a. Recreation Monthly Report – Mr. Martin (Director of Recreation) discussed the monthly report submitted.

10. **Other - None**

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. to the next meeting of September 18, 2003 at the John Lippitt Public Works Center Lunch Room @ 1800 Maxwell Road

Recorded by:  
Linda Bond,  
Secretary